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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

The case of South Dakota vs. North Carolina is set for hearing in the U. S. Supreme Court on April 13th next. —— Fire at San Augustine, Tex.; loss $50,000. —— Norwegian barque with naval stores for London was wrecked and abandoned Dec. 17th. —— President Roosevelt returned to Washington yesterday. —— Roosevelt has not yet accepted the position of arbitrator in the Venezuelan muddle, but it is believed that he will ultimately yield and accept. —— Fire at Knoxville, Tenn.; loss half a million. —— Schooners Frank A. Palmer and Louise B. Crary were in collision off the coast of Massachusetts Wednesday night last; both vessels sunk, six men were drowned, four died from exposure and one became insane and jumped overboard from the small boat in which they were trying to escape; the ten survivors of the crews of the two schooners were picked up by the schooner Manhasset and landed at Boston. —— Zeb Wilson, recently elected State Senator from Yancey county, N. C., was killed yesterday by his brother Hiram, in a quarrel. —— New York markets: Money on call firm at 5@6 per cent.; cotton quiet at 8.75c; flour steady; wheat—spot steady, No. 2 red— corn—spot No. 2 63c; oats—spot steady, No. 2 61½@62; rosin firm, strained common to good $1 85@1 90; spirits turpentine firm at 55@55½c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 23.

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 53 degrees; 8 P. M., 54 degrees; maximum, 65 degrees; minimum, 52 degrees; mean, 58 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .73; rainfall since 1st of month to date, 3.26.

CAUTIONARY.

The following advisory warning was issued at 9:20 P. m., by the Weather Bureau: "Evidences of a disturbance off the South Atlantic coast, location and character uncertain, at present"

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—For North Carolina: Cloudy Tuesday, probably rain in eastern portion, fresh north winds, possibly brisk to high on the coast; Wednesday fair, colder in east portion.

Port Almanac---December 23.

Sun Rises	7.08 A. M.
Sun Sets	5.00 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 38 M.
High Water at Southport	3.06 P. M.
High Water Wilmington	5.36 P. M.

The Connecticut man who was arrested for selling tarred stones for coal must be a lineal descendant of the fellow who invented the wooden nutmeg.

That Kentucky rural mail carrier who has fallen in love thirty-nine times since he began his job is in danger of losing it, for it looks as if he might be paying more attention to the females than to the mails.

Hon. Thos. E. Watson, of Georgia, denies that he is going back into politics. Sensible Tom. He believes in letting well enough alone and from all accounts he has been doing remarkably well since he pulled out of politics.

Mayor Jones, of Toledo, Ohio, who doesn't believe in lifting the hat to any one, made a lady acquaintance hopping mad because he simply bowed to her on the street without raising his hat. But perhaps he is baldheaded.

Mr. Schwab says a poor man is happier than a rich one. That's what we think ourself and that's why we have declined to be rich. But judging from the way Schwab hustles for dollars he does not seem to be very anxious to be happy.

Rev. C. R. Pridgeon of Pittsburg, is not a Christian Scientist, but an orthodox Presbyterian, who believes that it is better to rely upon prayer for church support than upon assessments. The other day he received from an anonymous source a check for $12.000, and feels justified in saying, "I told you so."

Mr. "Burnt Prairie," an Indian gentleman of South Dakota, whose marital relations with his 36th wife were not altogether lovely has just succeeded in securing a divorce, after the manner of the missmated white folk. Who says the Indian isn't catching on to civilization? In the old Indian way he would probably have jabbed his knife into No. 36 to dissolve the partnership.

President Baer, of the Reading Road, is criticising the independent operators for raising the price of coal. He says the coal companies have done all they could to keep the price down. Now, then is it that the Philadelphia papers say that it costs more to get coal from the anthracite mines not more than fifty miles from Philadelphia then it does from West Virginia two hundred miles distant?

A. C. L. CONDUCTORS HERE.

Delegation Made a Pleasant Call at Headquarters of the System—Enjoyed Oyster Roast Yesterday.

Capt. W. L. Harlow, Wilmington; Capt. Jules Bacot, Savannah; Capt. S. B. Johnson, Montgomery; Capt. W. T. Hubbard, Jacksonville; Capt. B. F. Vickery, Waycross; Capt. W. A. Eason, Charleston; Capt. J. D. Simpson Richmond; Capt. J. D. Kornegay, Portsmouth, and Capt. T. H. Harllee, Florence, composed a delegation of Atlantic Coast Line conductors from the first and second divisions of the system, which met here yesterday and had a conference with General Manager John R. Kenly relative to a business matter.

The visitors were cordially received by that official, but owing to a press of other railroad matters just at present, Mr. Kenly was obliged to defer action upon the matter in hand until a subsequent date. The delegation will, therefore, return when they receive notice that the general manager is prepared to receive it. Capt. W. L. Harlow, of Wilmington, is chairman of the delegation, and Capt. Jules Bacot, of Savannah, is secretary.

Capt. S. B. Johnson of Montgomery, Ala., Capt. Bacot and others in the party express themselves as delighted with the hospitality of the city and say they will be pleased to return to Wilmington at a future date. The conductors yesterday afternoon went down to the sound and enjoyed a true North Carolina oyster roast. A number of the visitors returned to their homes last evening.

LOCAL DOTS.

— Cotton advanced to 8¼ cents for middling on the local market yesterday.

— The Executive Committee of the Chamber of Commerce will meet at 12:30 P. M. to day.

— The streets were lined yesterday with holiday shoppers. Many of them were from the country.

— A competent and experienced feeder for Job Presses can secure employment by immediate application at the STAR office. Liberal wages paid.

— The person who took a bunch of keys from a boy at the Post Office Monday morning about 10 o'clock will please leave them with the Postmaster or at the STAR office.

— Josephine Henderson, colored, was given choice by the mayor of paying a fine of $10 or going to the roads for 30 days yesterday. She will probably take the roads.

— Campbell Encampment No. 1, I. O. O. F., at a special meeting last night conferred the Royal Purple degree upon seven candidates and enjoyed a delightful spread of refreshments after the exercises.

— The American National Bank, of Spartanburg, S. C., recently organized by Mr. J. H. Sloan, has on its board of directors, Messrs. T. M. Emerson and J. W. Norwood. Mr. Sloan is president of the new bank.

— Justice Bornemann's services as a matrimonial artist are in great demand. Sunday he went out to Delgado and performed a ceremony which united in marriage Mrs. Mary E Watts and Mr. George H. Harrell.

— The British steamer *Vera*, Capt. Bennett, arrived in port yesterday from Savannah, Ga., for a second cargo of cotton from Wilmington this season. She cleared with her first cargo Oct. 4th and went to Bremen.

— In the show window, of Munds' Temple Pharmacy, Mrs. H. Rehder, the florist, has an attractive Christmas display. The display consists of holiday novelties which those with an eye for the beautiful should not fail to see.

— "Number 26," the new closed car for the beach line, has arrived and will be in operation in a day or two. It is six feet longer than the present car; heated by electricity and provided with electric push buttons for the use of passengers.

— The Atlantic Coast Line shops are said to be turning out on an average of twenty "Atlantic Coast Despatch" cars a week. The cars are badly needed and the work of building them has been pushed for several months.

— The STAR acknowledges with pleasure the receipt of a handsome "Old North State Forever" calendar from Messrs. Edwards & Broughton, the well known binders and blank book manufacturers of Raleigh. Messrs. Edwards & Broughton claim for it the first print of our State flag ever printed in its own true and beautiful colors.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Notice—Bids wanted.
J. W. Plummer, Jr.—The place.
People's Savings Bank—New year.
C. O. Alexander—Chistmas groceries.
J. H. Hardin—What for Christmas?
Chas. Anderson & Co.—Restaurant.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Lost—Scotch Collie.
Notice—January Cotton.
Grocer—Business for sale.
Young Man—Position wanted.
Mrs. H. Rehder—Christmas trees.
Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Co.—Gas radiators.

You can get a Camera cheap at Taylor's Studio. †

Leave you orders for plants, floral designs, cut flowers, &c., at the "Only" Restaurant, 108 Market street. †

NO SUNDAY LIQUOR.

Mayor Waddell Sent Forth That Idict in the Police Court Yesterday at Noon.

A SENSATIONAL INCIDENT.

Witness Who Declined to Testify That He Bought Whiskey Held for Perjury. Counter Charge Against Witness for Presentation.

"This Sunday liquor selling must stop" was the mandate Mayor Waddell gave out in unequivocal terms to a court room crowded with colored shopkeepers who gathered yesterday at noon to hear the trial of a negro named Ben Jones, against whom six separate and distinct charges were preferred for "retailing" from his restaurant in an alley, across from Front street market, day before yesterday.

A little latter the Mayor emphasized what he had to say in this regard by holding Jones for the higher court in four cases for Sunday selling and developing two other cases against him—one for selling liquor to minors and one for conducting a restaurant without payment of city license. In the latter case the defendant was fined $25. In the other cases an aggregate justified bond of $400 was first required for defendant's appearance in the Superior Court, but a few minutes later this amount was reduced to $300. From the imposition of the fine of $25 for conducting a restaurant without license, Jones' counsel, Hon. Jno. D. Bellamy, appealed and an additional bond of $25 was required in that case.

But the sensational feature of the trial came when Special Officer C. T. Croom and two other persons testified that J. E. Tyner, white, a witness for the defence, had said before going on the stand that he would suffer his "throat to be cut from ear to ear" before he would testify against a man who had befriended him with a draught of whiskey when he was "dry" on a Sunday morning. Mayor Waddell said under these circumstances he would order that Tyner be held for perjury. Counsel for defendant then arose and said he would bring a counter charge against Special Officer Croom for perjury, for it was he whom he believed was guilty of testifying falsely and not Tyner.

Jones was locked up at the police station and had not given the required $325 bond last night, though efforts were being made in his behalf.

Tyner was not taken in custody until last night on the charge of perjury. He denies that he swore falsely, and says he bought no liquor from Jones.

No warrant, so far as could be learned last night, has been issued for Special Officer Croom, who claims to have witnesses to corroborate his statements in regard to the sale of liquor by Jones.

THE PISTOL DUELLERS IN COURT.

Each of Them Held for Grand Jury in Two Cases—Ten Witnesses.

Balaam Johnson and Foster Williams, the negroes who engaged in a pistol duel at the Angola lumber mill Saturday evening, were arraigned in the Mayor's court yesterday and held for the Superior Court in January on two charges each of assault with a deadly weapon and carrying a concealed weapon. Bond was fixed at $50 each for the assault and $25 each in the cases for carrying concealed weapons. Williams gave the bond and Johnson was committed until parties at Jacksonville, N. C., can be communicated with relative to his bond.

Williams was represented by Herbert McClammy, Esq., and Johnson's interest was looked after by Brooke G. Empee, Esq. Ten witnesses in all were examined, each of whom testified substantially to the circumstances of the shooting as have already been published in these columns.

Gus Williams, the by-stander who was shot was able to be in court and testified in the case, though he has a badly shattered arm.

DIED ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

Mrs. Sarah E. Merritt Passed Away at Her Home in This City.

Mrs. Sarah E. Merritt, wife of Mr. M. J. Merritt, 902 North Sixth street, passed away Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock, aged 59 years. Mrs. Merritt was a native of Duplin county, and died of typhoid pneumonia. She was an excellent woman and was greatly beloved by all who knew her. The funeral was conducted from the family residence at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon by Rev. J. L. Vipperman, pastor of Brooklyn Baptist church, and the interment was in Bellevue cemetery.

Mrs. Merritt is survived by her husband, one son, Mr. Wm. Merritt, of Brunswick county, and five daughters, Mrs. Louis Sallings, Mrs. Louis Tyndall, Mrs. Robert Merritt, Mrs. Kate Brown, all of Wilmington, and Mrs. Emma Pope, of Magnolia, N. C.

The pall-bearers at the funeral services were Messrs. Ed. F. Lewis, A. C. Brown, A. J. Brown and D. T. Mayer.

Christmas Strawberries.

Mr. C. O. Alexander, the enterprising Second street grocer, has on sale some very fine strawberries, raised as a second crop on the farm of his father, County Commissioner W. F. Alexander, seven miles from the city, in Harnett township. The berries are bringing 50 cents a quart. They are picked fresh and have been brought to the city by Mr. Alexander for several days.

ELKS' CHRISTMAS AFFAIR.

Final Arrangements for Dinner and Entertainment to be Given the Children Next Friday Afternoon.

Arrangements are about complete for the Christmas tree and dinner which the Elks of the city will give to the children of Wilmington in the City Hall building on Friday afternoon of this week. The final meeting of the Executive Committee, Mr. Henry J. Gerken chairman, was held last night and each detail of the work of preparation that does not fall in the province of the ladies, was delegated to willing hands. Tables are to be arranged, the hall put in condition for the festive occasion, substantial, serviceable articles are to be purchased for the tree—all these things were settled upon last night. The canvass of the city in the way of distributing cards of admission is about complete. Over 500 is the number that has been given out. The Elks on this occasion will not confine their kindness to the corporate limits, but have gone a step further and will to-day send a committee to Delgado and place admission cards with all the children there.

There has been no more energetic committee of ladies than that on candy bags, Mrs. H. J. Gerken chairman. Members of Mrs. Gerken's committee spent the entire day yesterday at the Temple, and the result of their efforts is apparent in a whole wagon load of confectioneries, nicely arranged in neat packages ready to be hung on the tree. It required a wonderful amount of patient work to complete the task of doing up nearly one thousand of these packages, stuffed full of nuts, raisins, apples, oranges and candies that always delight the little folks on the most gladsome of all American holidays. Each package is appropriately lettered in gilt: "A Merry Christmas. From the Elks. 1902."

To-day the committee on decorations, Mrs. J. H. Rehder chairman, will begin to transform the City Hall into a holiday bower. The trees will be placed in position and beautified, so that every environment will be in accord with the tremendous success that the event is certain to be.

"THE ASSEMBLY'S" ANNUAL MEETING.

Officers for the Ensuing Year—Ball Will be Given in January.

The second annual meeting of "The Assembly," an elite social organization of the city, was held last night and officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

President—Mr. T. M. Emerson.
Vice-President—Mr. Geo. Rountree.
Sec. and Tres.—Mr. Geo. L. Peschau.
Board of Governors—Messrs. T. M. Emerson, Geo. Rountree, Geo. L. Peschau, D. H. Lippitt, J. A. Arrington, H. M. Chase, Frank H. Stedman, Thos. W. Davis and Dr. Geo. G. Thomas.

The annual Assembly ball will probably be given during the early part of January though the date has as yet not been definitely fixed.

DEATH OF MRS. H. B. BESSENT.

She Passed Away Early Yesterday Morning in This City—Funeral To-day.

Friends in the city will learn with sincere regret of the death of Mrs. Henry B. Bessent, wife of the well known engine inspector at the A. C. L. round house in this city, which occurred at 1 o'clock yesterday morning at the family home in Wilmington, No. 215 Harnett street. Mrs. Bessent was about 50 years of age and had been in very poor health for some time. She is survived besides her husband, by one sister, Mrs. Samuel Carmon; one daughter, Miss Irene Bessent, and two sons, Messrs. Samuel and Herbert Bessent, all of this city.

The funeral will be conducted from the late residence at 10 o'clock this morning and the interment will be in Oakdale.

The Fore & Foster Company.

A called meeting of the stockholders of the Fore & Foster Planing Mill, Sash and Blind Company was held yesterday at noon in the company's offices in this city. Mr. H. A. DeCover was elected president and general manager, to succeed the late Col. F. W. Foster, and Mr. D. Russell Foster, a son of the late president, was elected secretary and treasurer of the company, to succeed Mr. DeCover. Mr. Russell Foster will not continue his studies at the A. & M. College, but will devote his time to the extensive business which fell to him after the death of his father. Mr. J. A. Fore, of Charlotte, a minority stockholder in the company, was here yesterday, but it is learned that his interests were not represented in the meeting.

Postal Clerk Will Sue.

J. M. Hulm, a postal clerk, who was injured in the wreck on the Seaboard Air Line at Rockingham, which delayed the Forepaugh & Sells Brothers' circus on October 19th, this year, has sued the company for $15,000 damages, alleging that he was permanently injured in the spine and hips and that his nervous system was so shocked and unstrung that he has partially lost his memory. Hulm formerly ran between Atlanta and Washington on the Seaboard Air Line and has employed an Atlanta legal firm to conduct his case.

The Crescent Pharmacy, 107 Princess street, has just received an elegant line of the celebrated Lyons Candies in fancy baskets. Just the thing for Xmas presents. †

I will make sittings until Saturday, January 3rd. Will be open New Year's day. Paul M. Taylor. †

KILLED IN FLORENCE.

Life Crushed Out of Young Alton McLeod, Well Known in Wilmington.

NATIVE OF CARTHAGE, N. C.

Fell Between Moving Freight Cars Upon Which He Was Riding to His Boarding House--Remains Sent to His Old Home for Interment.

Alton B. McLeod, a young man well known in Wilmington, having made his home here for the past five years, met a tragic death at Florence, S. C., late Saturday night. The remains were brought through this city Sunday en route to Carthage, N. C., his native home, where they were interred yesterday.

Young McLeod was employed at the time of his death as a flagman on the Atlantic Coast Line between Wilmington and Charleston. He had just arrived in Florence from this city Saturday night and was walking along the track near the station on the transfer yards when a freight train came in. In order to save a walk uptown to his boarding place in Florence, he boarded the train and walking on top of the cars, going towards the engine. In stepping from one of the cars to another he fell between them and several of the heavy trucks passed over his body, cutting it literally to pieces and rendering it almost unrecognizable as that of a human being.

The coroner of the county was called and after viewing the remains he turned them over to an undertaker and they were prepared for shipment to Carthage.

Young McLeod was about 27 years of age and was from one of the most prominent families in Moore county. For a year or two prior to 1899, he was employed in the composing rooms of this paper and later gave up his position to become a clerk in the grocery store of Messrs. J. B. & J. C. King, which was at that time doing a large business here. Still later he entered the Express service and ran as messenger until several weeks on the early train between Wilmington and Charleston. Next he entered the Coast Line service as flagman and was killed while in that capacity.

Mr. McLeod was a clever young gentleman and made friends wherever he went. Only ten days ago he lost his father by death. He leaves a brother and sister at Carthage, both very young and dependent upon him for support. The death is a very sad one indeed.

Handsome British Barque.

The British barque *Nellie Troop*, 1,317 tons, Capt. Nobles, arrived Sunday from Savannah, Ga., in tow of the tug *William F. McCauley*. She brought a part cargo of nitrate of soda for the Wilmington Compress and when she has finished discharging she will proceed to New York to go in dry dock and receive general repairs. She is one of the finest vessels of her class that ever entered the port. Her hull is iron, masts and yards are of iron and the cabin is fitted out with brass ornaments and hard woods. She also has her own electric system aboard.

Football in Newbern.

The football team from Wilmington which will engage the Newbern eleven on the gridiron Thursday, will leave to-morrow afternoon for the last mentioned city. The Wilmington team will probably line up as follows: Hergenrother, center; Linder and Ramsey, guards; Sbott and Willie Grant, tackles; Dosher and Hall, ends; George Parsley, quarter; Cliff Hopkins, Captain, and Gose, halves, and Smallbones, full.

His Uncle Dead.

Mr. Claude H. Dollar, of this city, yesterday received a letter informing him of the death at Selma, N. C., of his uncle, Mr. S. W. Parker. Mr. Parker was employed by one of the railroads entering Selma and Friday he was run over by an engine. Both legs were cut off and the wounds were so severe that the injured man died within less than 24 hours. He was an estimable man and was buried at Wilson Mill, N. C., on Sunday.

Quarantines for Scarlet Fever.

The Health Department yesterday established a quarantine for scarlet fever at 307 South Second street. Josephine McIver, the little son of Mr. McIver, who recently came here from Savannah, is the patient but is doing very well. Another quarantine for the same disease was placed on the residence of Mr. W. E. Perdew, 310 North Seventh street, on Saturday. Mr. Perdew's little son, John W., eight years old, is the patient.

Negro With Chamois Skin.

George Stone, the negro who stole chamois skin from Bellamy's drug store confessed the charge in Justice Fowler's court yesterday, but said he was drunk at the time. Drunkenness, like ignorance, excuses no man in the eyes of law, and considering that he had already served two terms in the penitentiary, Justice Fowler sent the negro to jail for the higher court in default of $100 justified bond.

Granolithic Pavements.

In the advertising columns to-day Chairman E. F. Johnson, of the Streets and Wharves Committee, calls for bids for 5,000 cubic yards of granolithic pavement; also for 5,000 tons of crushed rock. Bids will be received for same until noon, Jan. 5th.

PRETTY CHRISTMAS GERMAN.

Delightful Social Event Given by Miss Cantwell Complimentary to Her Advanced Dancing Classes.

Miss Leonora Cantwell gave a delightful german last night in Hibernian Hall, complimenrary to members of her advanced dancing classes. The decorations in red and green were very pretty and in excellent good taste. The chandeliers were festooned with bamboo, and holly, in honor of the Christmas tide, entered very charmingly into the effect.

Music was by Hollowbush's Orchestra and the figures were very neatly led by Mr. Paul Cantwell with Miss Carrie Sales Hardwicke. During the progress of the german the "Saratoga Lancers," a catchy square dance, and "La Caprice" a pretty round dance, were introduced. Among those present and participating in the festivities were the following:

Miss Olive Armstrong, Mr. T. A. Baxter; Miss Durham, Mr. E. St. John; Miss Johnson, Mr. Ernest Peschau; Miss Jones, Mr. Marion Harriss; Miss Kate Maffitt, Mr. John B. Peschau; Miss Marguerite Harriss, Mr. Frank Harriss; Miss Moore, of Indiana, Mr. Harry West; Miss Isabel Rountree, Mr. Henry McMillan; Miss Julia Parsley, Mr. Zach Bell; Miss Beulah Armstrong, Mr. Will Crow; Miss Marguerite Walker, Mr. Platt Davis; Miss Carrie Hardwicke, Mr. Paul Cantwell; Miss Sarah Catlett, Mr. Geo. Catlett; Miss Mariah Maffitt, Mr. James Gause; Miss Charlotte Fennell, Mr. Norwood Huske; Miss Hattie May French, Mr. Allie J. Mitchell; Miss Cotchett, Mr. Horton James; Miss Laura Clark, Mr. Charles Muncaster; Miss Emma Northrop, Mr. Horace Hunter; Miss Jones, Mr. Meares Harriss; Miss Leonora Cantwell, Mr. Edwin Metts; Miss Ray Sneed, Mr. Ben Parmele; Miss Alma Peschau, Mr. A. Cotchett; Miss Bessie Burruss, Mr. Strudwick Nash; Miss Louise Bellamy, Mr. Willie Emerson; Miss Octavia Boatwright, Mr. Robert H. Gwaltney.

Stags—A Sydney Bayles, Emmett Crow, William Walker and Chas. Dunn.

Chaperones—Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Kenly; Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Northrop; Col. and Mrs. Jno. L. Cantwell.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. P. C. Morton is in Athens, Ga., to spend Christmas.

— Mr. L. J. Strickland, of Whiteville, N. C., was a visitor to the city yesterday.

— Mr. W. D. Malpass, of Long Creek, N. C., was in the city yesterday on a business trip.

— Mr. W. E. Hill has returned from the theological seminary to spend the holidays at home.

— Miss Louise Harper, a member of the graduating class of Salem Female Academy, is here to spend the holidays.

— Mr. Charles C. Loughlin, a popular Wilmington boy, is at home from Guilford College to spend the holidays.

— Miss Victoria Stone, of Little River, S. C., returned home yesterday after a pleasant visit to relatives in the city.

— Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Pridgen of Canetuck, N. C., are visiting the family of Mr. B. B. Pridgen, 307 Bladen street.

— Messrs. W. W. Fitzhugh, of Rock Fish, N. C., and T. H. Newkirk, of Marion, S. C., were Orton guests yesterday.

— Dr. W. H. Crowell and wife, of Burgaw, passed through the city yesterday en route to Chaarlotte to spend the holidays.

— Mr. J. A. Stone, a medical student at the University, is in the city on his way to spend the holidays at his home in Shallotte.

— Mrs. E. W. VanC. Lucas and little son have returned from a visit North. Capt. Lucas will arrive from Memphis Wednesday to spend the holidays.

— Miss Emma Stroupe, of Salem, is here on a brief visit to her niece, Mrs. John W. Harper. Miss Stroupe is one of the faculty of Salem Female Academy.

— Miss Hattie Penny has returned from a visit to relatives at New Haven, Conn., and will spend the holidays with her sister, Mrs. McKenzie, Eighth and Dock streets.

— Fayetteville *Observer*: "Miss Dora Hopkins, of Wilmington, will arrive this week and spend the holidays with her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Johnson, on Maiden Lane."

— Dr. L. L. Ardrey, who formerly practiced his profession at Burgaw, passed through the city yesterday en route to Charlotte. He will leave shortly for Western Texas, where he will locate with the hope that the climate will be more conducive to his health.

Big Religious Debate.

A debate lasting four days beginning Feb. 3rd, has been arranged to be held at Tampa, Fla., between Elder J. P. King, of Wilmington, and Rev. Mr. Hall, of Tennessee. Rev. Mr. King represents the Second Advent church and Rev. Mr. Hall the Baptist faith. They will discuss a doctrinal question.

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For sale by J. C. Shepard.

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Look For The Red Banner and Don't Go Wrong.
---AT---
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34 North Front Street.
dec 17 1w

Start In With The New Year.
And see how much you can save instead of the amount you can spend. The People's Savings Bank offers every inducement to its depositors for accumulation of money. Its management guarantees the best security.
We pay 4 per cent. interest on deposits compounded quarterly.
THE PEOPLE'S SAVINGS BANK,
Opposite the Postoffice.
H. C. McQUEEN, President. JNO. S. ARMSTRONG, Vice President.
dec 23 tf F. W. DICK, Cashier.

THE MURCHISON NATIONAL BANK,
OF WILMINGTON, N. C.

Capital	$ 300,000
Surplus	100,000
Total Assets	$2,000,000

H. C. McQUEEN, President. J. V. GRAINGER, Cashier.
dec 3 tf

For Christmas!
What better Christmas present for a boy or girl than a deposit in The Wilmington Savings and Trust Company. "As the twig's inclined, so grows the tree." The boy who begins a savings bank account when young can accumulate a snug capital with which to begin business by the time he is a man.
Deposits made on or before January 2nd, 1903, will bear interest from that date.
The Wilmington Savings & Trust Co.
J. W. NORWOOD, President. H. WALTERS, Vice President.
dec 14 tf C. E. TAYLOR, Jr., Cashier.

It Is So Well Known That,
Everybody says, "For anything nice you must go to Parker's."
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Look at my line of Parlor Tables and Parlor Rockers and if you don't concede that they are as fine as you ever saw in any city, then take your choice free of cost.
N. F. PARKER,
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Bell 'Phone 613. Inter-State 421.
dec 21 tf

BIDS WANTED.
For 5,000 Tons Crushed Rock. Bids will be received up to Monday, January 5th, at 12 o'clock M. For specifications and further information apply to
E. F. JOHNSON,
Ch'm'n Streets and Wharves Com.
dec 23 3t

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NORTH CAROLINA STRAWBERRIES.
A delicious treat for the holidays.
Fine dressed Turkeys, Chickens and Eggs.
All kinds of choice Family Groceries.
Cheapest Grocery in the city.
C. O. ALEXANDER.
No. 15 North Second St.
dec 23 tf

Important Notice.
We wish to inform our regular customers as well as the public at large that we have just received a consignment of Foreign Wines, which we offer to everybody at the following low price for a short time only:

Rhine Wine, Vintage		1898, per gal.,	$1.00
Port	"	1900, " "	1.00
Claret	"	1900, " "	1.00
Port	"	1890, " "	2.00

Samples FREE at store.
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TUESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 23.

GOVERNMENTS AS DEBT COLLECTORS.

The Baltimore *Sun*, of Friday last, published an interview with Chief Justice Alvey, of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, who was a member of Mr. Cleveland's Venezuelan commission in 1896, on the Venezuelan question, which he regards as a very serious one unless settled by arbitration. He believes that both England and Germany have ulterior designs and that the movement ostensibly for the collection of claims held by their subjects against Venezuela is a mere pretence, a paving of the way to something else which it would not be prudent now to admit, and therefore he contends that this Government should have protested and set its face resolutely against this movement and asserts that if Secretary Hay assented to their programme, as alleged, he made concessions that seriously impair the force and value of the Monroe Doctrine. The gist of the interview is contained in the following extract:

"I regard the present situation of affairs in Venezuela as a serious crisis for the United States. While I have never been an advocate of a powerful navy, I must confess that at the present time it would be well for the United States to have one.

"When President Cleveland was confronted with the crisis in Venezuela in 1895 he took the bull by the horns and made his protest before Great Britain had proceded to any extreme overt act. It was then easy for that country to make concessions without any great loss of dignity and serious consequences were averted. President Roosevelt, in my judgment, should protest against what the allies have already done and against what they evidently contemplate doing and against their making war upon those people. He has a right to protest independently of the Monroe doctrine. He should protest in the interests of the preservation of international law. The method which the allies have adopted, ostensibly for the collection of debts, is no way to collect debts and is in contravention of the established laws of nations.

"The protest should have been made when the Venezuelan ships were sunk and in failing to do so the Administration missed a golden opportunity. The sinking of ships and the bombardment of forts is not a recognized method of collecting debts. When England and Germany adopt this method it is an indication to my mind that those countries ha e an ulterior motive. They have acted apparently with great adroitness, and it is believed that they submitted their plans to Secretary Hay and obtained from him some sort of acquiescence in what they refrained from any permanent acquisition of territory.

"It is strange that the Administration did not take alarm and at once suspect the motives of the allies and make a protest. But if Secretary Hay has made the acquiescense he is credited with, then he has, to a considerable degree, surrendered the Monroe doctrine. For the permanent acquisition of territory is not the only way in which that safeguard can be overleaped. The 'oppression of the South American people' or 'controlling their destiny' was expressly specified by President Monroe as an act which would be viewed as unfriendly to the United States.

Whether they have an ulterior object or not, or that object be the abolition of the Monroe Doctrine, and ultimately taking permanent possession of South American territory, which he believes is the motive with Germany, there is no doubt that Germany and perhaps other European Governments regard the Monroe Doctrine as a piece of impertinent presumption which other Governments should not assent to or tolerate, and there is as little doubt that they would like to see it wiped out if it could be done without putting them to considerable trouble and expense, more than the wiping out would be worth to them.

There is a man now occupying the throne of Emperor of Germany who is of the strenuous order, somewhat after the Roosevelt build, and while he has no particular desire to come into conflict with the United States, wouldn't be averse to the prestige that bracing up against this country would give him in the estimation of those who think we are putting on too much style and doing too much talk about having become "a world power."

There is little danger of any overt disregard of the Monroe Doctrine now, as far as the seizure and holding of territory goes, against which both England Germany have, according to statements made, pledged themselves, but Judge Alvey calls attention to the fact that this Doctrine may be violated without seizing territory and would be violated by the seizing of custom houses and the forced collection of customs, or making war upon any of the South American countries which might not be able to pay its debts. That would be "oppression and interfering with their destinies" which as declared in that document "would be viewed as unfriendly to the United States." We do not think there is any danger of coming to that now, for there will probably be settlement by arbitration, but since the force action of these two governments has met with no protest from this government but has been apparently acquiesced in, it stands as a president to justify similar demonstrations hereafter in case of disputes about claims.

But assuming that there is no ulterior motive and that the real motive for the action of Great Britain and Germany is the professed one, namely to collect claims due their subjects by the Government or others in Venezuela, the question arises, why should Governments take it upon themselves to collect claims for their subjects investing in or residing in other countries? Judge Alvey contends that forcible collection is a violation of international law, and when such debts are disputed or repudiated the only way justifiable by which they can be collected is by arbitration, if both parties are desirous of settling the dispute fairly and amicably.

Governments are, of course, expected to show a friendly interest in their people sojourning or residing in other lands, but why should they be expected to interest themselves in the speculations or business ventures of their people and become their champions and claim collectors in case of disputes? The fact that they do that kind of business and thus make themselves liable to become involved in war that would cost many times the amount of the claims they undertake to collect, encourages speculation and investments in other countries and in some whose debt-paying reputations are far from being good.

If it was understood that these speculators, investors and moneylenders who take chances must abide by the consequences and do their own collecting there would be fewer wild-cat speculations, and perhaps less money lost than there is now, for "the burned child dreads the fire" and after a few of the speculators and money-lenders got bitten and felt that they had no home government to look to for redress, they would be very careful about where they went in, and then the Governments which treated creditors dishonestly or unfairly would have an up-hill business trying to borrow money if they wanted it for war purposes, for internal improvements, building ships, or anything else. It would be better all around if Governments kept their hands off and let their subjects who venture in other lands and take chances, rely upon themselves and manage their own business.

WOOL AND SUBSTITUTES.

English wool growers are complaining of the dullness in their business and the low prices of wool and so are American wool growers, and probably so are the wool growers of other countries. The increase in the consumption of wool is not keeping pace with the increase of the world's population, in addition to which there is a very large portion of the human family who use but little wool and a still larger portion who use no wool at all. In warm climates they don't need it, for the garments of the people, even of the well-to-do, consist almost altogether of cotton and linen, and for the poorer classes cotton, and a very coarse kind of cotton, too. One of the reasons why the wool-growing industry is as unsatisfactory as it is is given in the following, which we clip from the Baltimore *Sun*:

At a recent meeting of sheep owners Mr. Mansell, of Shrewsbury, England, pointed to the increased use of wool substitutes as the cause of the decline in the demand for and price of wool. To the farmer the decline is incomprehensible, in view of the continually increasing population. Foreign supplies do not account for it. Mr. Mansell contends that "the wool market has been destroyed to the producer simply by the extent to which it has been superseded in the manufacture of so-called woolen goods by other raw materials of less value. In the heavy woolen district of Yorkshire there are dozens of manufacturers who never buy a single bale of raw wool, and yet are known and acknowledged as influential manufacturers of 'woolen' goods." In the United States, owing to the heavy tariff rate on wool, the situation is still worse. In 1900 74,000,000 pounds of shoddy were used, displacing 232,000,000 pounds of wool, or equal to 72 per cent. of all the wool in the United States in that year. The shoddy used in that year was equal to the product of 42,990,000 of the 61,415,000 sheep in United States. Besider the old material used over once or oftener cotton is mixed with wool to an increased extent.

We do not know how it is in other countries, but in this country the manufacture of shoddy counterfeits of woollen goods has developed into a fine art, so fine that it is said that it would require an expert, and a very expert expert, too, to distinguish between some makes of shoddy and the genuine woollen article. There are thousands of people who buy and pay for shoddy under the impression that they are buying woollen goods and getting a bargain. When the tariff protectionists put a protective duty on wool to foster the wool-growing industry they put a big temptation in the way of the manufacturer, and the result was the rapid growth of the shoddy business, and the substitution of other articles for wool to be mixed with wool. This will always be the case when competition is brisk, and there is more profit in the counterfeits and imitations than there is in the genuine article.

There is a boom in red-headed girls in New York. They are wanted to occupy places in the front row in the theatrical chorus, because that kind of hair holds its own under the calcium lights better than other colors. The girl built right, with a good red finish on top can command a salary of $50 a week.

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AN ENGLISHMAN'S VIEW OF IT.

In these columns, discussing the Venezuelan imbroglio, we have taken the position that Governments should not constitute themselves claim collectors for their people who make investments, or loans, or obtain concessions of territory or privileges in other countries. It is contended by some that they have the right under international law to do this and to use force, which they call punitive measures, to do it, while this is denied by others, but whether they have the right or not it is a mistake, an exceedingly costly way of collecting debts and always liable to become more costly, because there is always danger of friction, complications and actual war with nations whose interests may suffer by such methods.

In discussing this matter in the New York *Sun* Goldwin Smith, a distinguished English publicist and writer on politics, economy, &c., now a resident of Canada, says:

The British and German demands on Venezuela are not at this date very clearly before us. But if they comprise private debts the question may rise whether a nation is warranted in collecting private debts by force of arms. Might it not be maintained that the speculator who lends to a foreign government or corporation must take the risk of lending to a borrower on whom he cannot distrain and cover it by the rate of interest? The punishment of the defaulting or repudiating debtor will be forfeiture of credit for the future, as it was in the case of defaulting Spain.

"Great powers are just now inclined cheerfully to accept the duty assigned to them by Providence of extending their beneficent dominion over weak or 'decayed' nations. What are the lawful grounds for armed coercion seems, therefore, not an unpractical question. It is submitted to the masters of international law.

"One of the great powers is complimented with the title of 'the policeman of nations.' But the ordinary policeman is not judge in his own cause, the debts which he collects are not his own, nor is there any danger of his proceeding to annex the house and lot of the debtor.

"Little nations, if they are defrauded or injured, have no means of extorting reparation."

As far as collecting private claims by force goes, Mr. Smith is substantially in accord with Judge Alvey, of the U. S. District Court of Appeals, whom we quote in another column. When the citizen of one country puts his money in enterprises or in loans in other countries, he does it without consulting his own Government, does it of his own volition, because he expects to reap profit from it and going in with his eyes open and deliberately he should accept the consequences if he makes a bad trade and not call upon his Government to spend money and perhaps sacrifice life to save him from loss.

If this was the rule and so understood there would be more discretion shown in such ventures and there would be less danger of friendly nations becoming enemies.

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE

— Goldsboro *Argus*: Goldsboro shipped Saturday a solid car load—25,000 pounds—of Carolina rice flakes to San Francisco, Cal. This is Goldsboro's latest manufacturing enterprise, and there is none other like it in the South.

— Bayboro *Sentinel*: Why is it? The crops in the county of all kinds, except possibly corn are better, than they have been for years. The people are in a better living condition than they have been for years. Still it is harder to make collections.

— Wilson *Times*: The report for December shows that during the month 1,936,243 pounds of the weed were sold on the Wilson warehouse floors against 1,355,030 for December last year, showing an increase of fifty per cent. The total sales to date on the Wilson market amount to 18,657,527 pounds against 12,603,983 for the same period last season, also an increase of fifty per cent.

— Littleton *News*: A four year old colored child was run over on the Warrenton Railroad a few days ago and was so badly injured that death followed in a short time. When the child appeared on the track just in front of the engine the engineer applied the air and called for hand brakes, notwithstanding the train was stopped instantly, it was too late. The little fellow attempted to cross the road only a few feet ahead of the engine.

— Salisbury *Sun*: Mr. Newman is delighted with the present outlook of the Gold Hill mine. At two different levels the finest grade of ore, carrying gold, silver and copper, is being taken out. This ore is much richer than that mined before the war and the gold alone is more than sufficient to pay the operating expenses of the mine.

— Many beautiful young shade trees were pulled up by the roots and others broken in the West ward Friday night. The vandals who destroyed these trees started at Mayor Boyden's residence. From this place they went to Mrs. J. D. McNeely's and then to Mr. D. L. Gaskill's lots. Many beautiful young trees were ruined.

— Elizabeth City *Carolinian*: It is stated on reliable information that traffic in these waters is soon to have the benefit of additional steamboat service. A new line will shortly make its advent Mr. Dea Kyne, a millionaire and extensive ship owner of Millington, N. J., intends putting on a $60,000 steamer, making regular trips between Beaufort and Baltimore. The boat is 300 tons burden, 160 feet in length and draws 6 feet of water. She will stop at this city and at Norfolk. Connection will be made with the Pennsylvania R. R. at Baltimore. Truckers and shippers will benefit greatly by new freight rates. The new boat will also furnish accommodations for 200 passengers. Her speed is estimated at 20 miles an hour. Mr. Dea Kyne also intends putting on a 14-mile boat, 70 feet long, to run on the Scuppernong river. This boat will make three trips a week between Columbia, N. C., and Norfolk.

CURRENT COMMENT

— General Fitzhugh Lee says: "If we had not sacrificed wisdom for sentiment we would own Cuba today." And by doing exactly the same thing, we do own the Philippines to-day.—*Atlanta Journal, Dem.*

— Some of the anthracite coal barons care mighty little for Santa Claus and the spirit of Christmas. When the employes of the Markles, at Harleigh, Pa., received their wage envelopes a day or two ago they found that their house rent for six months they were on strike had been deducted from the amount due them. In many cases there was practically nothing the envelope except the rent receipt.—*Savannah News, Dem.*

— Mr. Dingley said he would if he could, convert the Atlantic into a sea of fire, to effectually prevent commercial relations between Europe and America. And Mr. Dingley did the next nearest thing to accomplishing a fiery embargo, with the help of congress. And now the German parliament has lent a hand in the noble work of ancient Chinese policy. Such folly cannot last.—*Chattanooga Times, Ind.*

— Secretary Shaw was charged with recklessness for handing out money with other security than Government bonds. How about the bill allowing a bank to increase its circulation on giving bond for 5 per cent of it? Republicans seem to have been convinced by Mr. Bryan's arguments as to the remedy for our financial ills, even though Democrats were not. Mr. Hanna should resume the missionary efforts formerly devoted to McKinley.—*Jacksonville Times-Union, Dem.*

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

R. B. JOHN, P. E., Wilmington, N. C.

Scott's Hill, Prospect, Dec. 27, 28.
Burgaw, Rocky Point, Jan. 3, 4.
Southport, Jan. 11, 12.
Shallotte, Concord, Jan. 13.
Town Creek, ——— Jan. 14.
Waccamaw, Shiloh, Jan. 17, 18.
Whiteville, Whiteville, Jan. 18, 19.
Magnolia, Providence, Jan. 24, 25.
Clinton, Clinton, Jan. 30.
Kenansville, Friendship, Jan. 31, Feb 1.
Bladen, Bethlehem, Feb. 7, 8.
Elizabeth, Elizabethtown, Feb 9
Carver's Creek, Council Station Feb. 10.
Oaslow, Queen's Creek, Feb. 14, 15.
Jacksonville and Richlands, Half Moon, Feb 21, 22.

District Stewards will please meet in the Ladies' Parlor, Grace church, Wilmington, Tuesday Dec. 30th, at 1 o'clock.

Missionary Institute will be held at Grace church Feb. 4th and 5th, 1903.

District conference will meet at Jacksonville Tuesday Mar. 17th at 5 o'clock P. M. and continue through the 18th and 19th, 1903.

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— De music er de little tin ho'n ain't no Italian opery, but—bless God, we on'er stan's it better!—*Atlanta Constitution.*

— "Just my luck," said Borem. "She's always out when I call." "So she was telling me," said Miss Peprey. "She told you the same thing, eh?" "Yes, only she said it was just her luck."—*Philadelphia Press.*

— Very particular Bachelor (to the new lodging house cook) I want my chop always well done! Lodging House Cook (who has given notice)—Well, sir, you know the proverb, "If you want a thing well done do it yourself."—*Punch*

— Doctor—"Did you give your husband that medicine for his insomnia every two hours, as I directed?" Wife—'Yis, doctor; but I had such throuble to wake him up every time."—*Chicago Tribune*

— After the Elopment.—He—"I was afraid that after all you wouldn't be able to manage that rope ladder from your window." She—"I wouldn't have been able to, if it hadn't been for papa."—*Brooklyn Life*

— "Yes," said the fond mother, "I am determined to give little Johnny a good time this Christmas. He is going to have angel cake, sponge cake, chocolate cake, banana cake, orange cake—" "And stummy cake!" interrupted the irreverent paterfamilias.—*Philadelphia Press.*

— "Oh, dat I had de wisdom er Solomon!" exclaimed the colored brother. "Looky heah, man," said Brother Dickey. "Don't you know dat ef you has mo' dan one wife you'll git in de chain-gang?"—*Atlanta Constitution.*

— "There isn't any such thing as honest legislation in this country," complained the pessimist. "Oh! I don't know," replied the legislator. "I was promised $500 if I helped to pass a certain bill, and I did it, and got all that was promised me."—*Philadelphia Press*

MARINE DIRECTORY

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., December 23

STEAMSHIPS.

Vera, (Br) 1,854 tons, Bennett, Alexander Sprunt & Son.
Zeeburg, (Dutch) 1,958 tons, Stasse, Heide & Co.
Riverton, (Br) 2,336 tons, Williams, Alexander Sprunt & Son.
Harbart, (Br) 2,149 tons, Bowling, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

SCHOONERS.

Lady Shes, (Br) 151 tons, Munro, George Harriss, Son & Co.
Havelock, (Br) 212 tons, Beery, J T Riley & Co.
Mabel Darling, (Br) 111 tons, Sweeting, J A Springer & Co.

BARQUES.

Nellie Troop, (Br) 1,317 tons, Nobles, Heide & Co.

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET

[Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.]

STAR OFFICE, December 22.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 52c per gallon.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1.35 per barrel for strained and $1.40 per barrel for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.60 per barrel of 280 pounds.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $1.75 per barrel for hard, $3.00 for dip.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine steady at 36¼@35½; rosin firm at $1.00@1.05; tar steady at $1 20; crude turpentine steady at $1.10 @2.00.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	46
Rosin	75
Tar	1,047
Crude turpentine	187

Receipts same day last year—17 casks spirits turpentine, 447 barrels rosin, 706 barrels tar, 55 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 8¼c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	5¾ cts. ₱ lb
Good ordinary	7½ " "
Low middling	7¾ " "
Middling	8¼ " "
Good middling	8 15-16 " "

Same day last year, market firm at 7¾c for middling.

Receipts—1,976 bales; same day last year, 898.

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.]

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c. Spanish (new), 65@70c.

CORN—Firm, 65@67½c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 15@16c per pound; shoulders, 10@12½c; sides, 10@11c.

EGGS—Firm at 21@22c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Firm. Grown, 30@35c; springs, 12½@25c.

TURKEYS—Firm at 10@11c for live.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Dull at 60c per bushel.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Money on call—Market firm at 5½@6 per cent., closing at 5@6 per cent; time money easy—60 days and 90 days, 6 per cent.; six months 5@5½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 6 per cent. Sterling exchange barely steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at 486.625 for demand and 482.875@483 for sixty days. The posted rates were 484 and 487½. Commercial bills 482½@483¼. Bar silver 48½. Mexican dollars 38¼. Government bonds steady. State bonds—no report. Railroad bonds strong. U. S. funding 2's, registered, 107¾; U. S refunding 2's, coupon, 108¼; U. S 3's, registered, 107½; do. coupon, 107½; U. S. 4's, new registered, 135; do. coupon, 135; U. S. 4's, old, registered, 108½; do. coupon, 109½; U. S. 5's, registered, 103¾; do. coupon, 103¾; Southern Railway, 5's, 118 bid. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio 99½. Chesapeake & Ohio 47; Manhattan L 146¾; New York Central 153⅝; Reading 63⅝; do. 1st preferred 86; do. 2nd preferred 77¼; St. Paul 176¾; do. pref'd, 192; Southern Railway 33½; do. pref'd 92½; Amalgamated Copper ex dividend 59¼; People's Gas 101½; Sugar 129½; Tennessee Coal and Iron 56½; U. S. Leather 12; do. pref'd, 88; Western Union 88; U. S. Steel 35¼; do. pref'd 84½; Virginia-Carolina Chemical 60¼; do. preferred, 123½; Standard Oil, 690@695.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 22.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 25½; do. preferred, bonds, 42½; fours, 83¼.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Rosin firm. Strained common to good $1 85@1 90. Spirits turpentine firm at 55@55½c.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 22.—Spirits turpentine and rosin unchanged.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 22.—Spirits turpentine quoted firm at 52c; receipts 737 casks; sales 650 casks; exports 237 casks. Rosin firm; receipts 3,553 barrels; sales 465 barrels; exports 10,079 barrels Quote: A, B, C, D, $1 45, E, $1 50; F, $1 55; G, $1 70; H, $2 00; I, $2 35; K $2 85; M, $3 35; N, $3 55; W G, $3 80; W W, $4 20

COTTON MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The cotton market opened firm at an advance of two to five points. Soon after the opening call there was a further advance of one to two points on the more active positions, then came a reaction of five to seven points with the market finally at net one point to unchanged prices and to a decline of three points. The early improvement was due to stability shown by the market in the opening cables while port receipts had a slim outlook for the day, as well as for the week. On this showing there was a pretty good demand from the shorts and outside buying orders were growing factors until a selling movement was started by parties wishing to secure profits on long contracts, following indications of less stability at Liverpool and disappointment as to the volume of clearances. The Southern spot markets were no better, while port receipts, estimated at the beginning of the day at 43,000 bales, turned out to be 51,269 on a Pensacola clearance to France of 9,250 bales. The general volume of business slackened in the afternoon and the market became very quiet with operations on a local basis. January contracts remained at a premium of about fourteen over February and March which continued the impression that this was a short interest remaining in January with some claiming that a large amount of cotton remains to be covered before February 1. Public speculation continues in the buying line although not extensive, with a steady preference for May and July with August becoming more active. Total sales futures estimated at about 150,000 bales.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Cotton quiet at 8 75c; net receipts 391 bales; gross receipts 4,004 bales; stock 144,296 bales.

Spot closed quiet and 5 points higher; middling uplands 8.75; middling gulf 9.00c; sales 2,700 bales.

Cotton futures market closed quiet; December 8.53, January 8 55, February 8.31, March 8.33, April 8 33, May 8.35, June 8.35, July 8.35, August 8.18, September 7.93.

Total to-day, at all seaports—Net receipts 51,209 bales; exports to Great Britain 10,308 bales; exports to France 14,108 bales; exports to the Continent 650 bales; stock 106,294 bales.

Consolidated, at all seaports—Net receipts 78,972 bales; exports to Great Britain 19,844 bales; exports to France 29,914 bales; exports to the Continent 16,505 bales.

Total since September 1st, at all seaports—Net receipts 4,505,395 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,388,592 bales; exports to France 367,553 bales; exports to the Continent 1,341,531 bales

Dec. 22.—Galveston, firm at 8 5-16c, net receipts 8,093 bales; Norfolk, firm at 8 5-16c, net receipts 4,802 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 7½c, net receipts — bales; Boston, quiet at 8.70, net receipts 388 bales; Wilmington, firm at 8c, net receipts 1,976 bales; Philadelphia, steady at 9.00c, net receipts — bales; Savannah, steady at 8½c, net receipts 9,957 bales; New Orleans, firm at 8¼c, net receipts 13,720 bales; Mobile, quiet at 8¼c, net receipts 1,199 bales; Memphis, steady at 8¼c, net receipts 4,290 bales; Augusta, firm at 8¼c, net receipts 2,241 bales; Charleston, firm at 8 1-16, net receipts 1,523 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Flour was steady. Rye flour steady. Wheat—Spot steady; No. 2 red —. Options were generally quiet but firm all day. Buying motives were rain reports from the Argentine, higher cables, small visible supply increase and renewed export demand. The market closed ½@¾c net higher. Sales: January —c; May closed 80¾c; July 78¾c; December closed 83¾c. Corn—Spot steady; No. 2 61½@62c. Options market was dull but steady to firm on cable news, the wheat advance and covering. Closed ½@¾c net higher: January closed 53¾c; March 50¼c; May closed 48¾c; July closed —; December closed 60c. Oats—Spot firm; No. 2, 38c. Options were very quiet but steady. Sales included: December closed 39¼c. Lard firm. Pork steady. Butter steady at a decline; extra creamery 29c; State dairy 21@21½. Cheese firm; new State full cream, small colored fancy, September 13¾c; small white September 13¼c. Peanuts were quoted steady; fancy hand picked 4½@4¾c; other domestic 3@4¾c. Cabbages firm; domestic, per 100, white $2 00@4 00; red $2 50@5 00. Coffee—Spot Rio quiet; No. 7 invoice 5¼; mild quiet; Cordova 7½@12. Sugar—Raw steady; fair refining 3 7-16c; centrifugal, 96 test 3 15-16c; refined steady. Freights to Liverpool—cotton by steam 12. Eggs irregular; State and Pennsylvania average best 28c. Potatoes quoted firm; Long Island $2 00@2 50; South Jersey sweets $2 50@3 75; Jerseys $1 75@2 00; New York and Western per 180 lbs., $1 50@2 25. Molasses quiet. Rice quiet; domestic, fair to extra 4¼@6¾c. Cotton seed oil fair, active and firm, without change. The quotations closed: Prime crude f. o. b. mills 31c bid; prime summer yellow 39@40c; off summer yellow 38c; prime white 41@42c; prime winter yellow 42c; prime meal $27 00@27 50, nominal.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—The usual holiday inactivity pervaded the grain pits on the board of trade to-day but prices were firm. May wheat closed ¼@½c. higher. May corn was up a fraction and oats were ½c. higher. Provisions were strong. May pork closing from 5@7½ to 17½c. higher.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Cash prices: Flour quiet but firm. Wheat—No. 2 spring 74@76c; No. 3 spring 69@72c; No. 2 red 74@74¾c. Corn—No. 2 45c; No. 2 yellow 45c. Oats—No. 2 32c; No. 3 white 32c. Rye—No. 2 48½. Mess pork, per barrel, $17 00. Lard, per 100 lbs., $10 25@10 35. Short rib sides, loose, closed $8 37½@8 62½. Dry salted shoulderr, boxed, $8 25@8 50. Short clear sides, boxed, $8 62½@9 87½. Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 32.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 December 74¼@74¾, 74¾, 74¼, 74¾c; May 77¼@77¾, 77¾@77½, 77½, 77⅝c; July 74¼, 74¾, 74¼, 74¼c. Corn—No 2 December 45⅝@45⅞, 45⅞, 45, 45¼c; January 45¼, 45¼, 45¼, 45⅞c; May 43¾@43¼, 43¾@43⅝, 43¼, 43¼c. Oats—No 2 December, new, 31¾, 32¼, 31¾. 32; May 33¾@33⅝, 33⅞, 33⅛, 33⅝@33¾. Mess pork, per bbl December $16 60, 16 67½, 16 50, 16 65; May $16 00, 16 15, 16 00, 16 15. Lard, per 100 lbs—December $10 32½, 10 35. 10 25, 10 25; January $9 85, 9 85, 9 82½ 9 85; May $9 35, 9 37½, 9 25, 9 37½. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—January $8 47½, 8 47½, 8 45, 8 47½; May $8 50, 8 60, 8 50, 8 57½

FOREIGN MARKETS

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 22.—Cotton: Spot in fair demand, prices 2 to 4 points higher; American middling fair 5.20d; good middling 4.72d; middling 4.56d; low middling 4.44d; good ordinary 4.32d; ordinary 4.20d. The sales of the day were 10,000 bales, of which 500 bales were for speculation and export and included 9,300 bales American. Receipts 13,300 bales, all American.

Futures opened quiet and closed quiet and steady; American middling (g o c) December 4.52d; December and January 4.51@4.52d; January and February 4.51@4.52d; February and March 4.51@4.52d; March and April 4.51@4.52d; April and May 4.52@4.53d; May and June 4.53d; June and July 4.53d; July and August 4.53d; August and September 4.47@4.48d.

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Steamer Highlander, Bradshaw, Fayetteville, T D Love.

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A. & Y. Railroad—169 bales cotton, 4 casks spirits turpentine, 31 barrels rosin, 174 barrels tar.
W. & N. Railroad—82 bales cotton, 4 casks spirits turpentine, 16 barrels crude turpentine.
Steamer Highlander—77 bales cotton, 31 casks spirits turpentine, 472 barrels tar, 72 barrels crude turpentine.
Steamer A. P. Hurt—53 bales cotton, 2 casks spirits turpentine, 84 barrels tar.
Steamer Franklin Pierce—5 casks spirits turpentine, 32 barrels rosin, 4 barrels tar.
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RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and Discounts	$196,723 67	Capital Stock	$ 50,000 00
Furniture and Fixtures	400 00	Profits, less expenses and taxes paid	4,667 84
Cash on hand. Due from Banks	3,019 68	Accrued interest due to depositors	475 00
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A Man of Craft

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Edward Minturn of Birmingham, England, at eighteen resolved that he would toil and play the hypocrite half a lifetime to enjoy the other half. He secured a position in a bank. In a year he had been twice promoted and had gained the good will of the manager. Further promotion came slowly, as there were trusted employees ahead of him, but death came to make vacancies and help him along, and at the end of ten years he was assistant cashier.

Minturn was given a two weeks' vacation when made cashier. He said that he was going to Rutland to pass the time with a relative, but he lied about it. He journeyed south to Tewkesbury, and between that town and Cheltenham he put up at a roadside inn under a false name and claimed to be from London. Under the name of Clyde he bought a small farm and installed an old woman as housekeeper, and her brother, who was an old man, as manager.

For five long years Minturn came and went, and people grew used to the sight of him and looked upon him as a resident. No one doubted that he lived in London, and no one questioned that he was an insurance agent. At the bank in Birmingham everything went well, and the directors now and then congratulated each other upon their advancement of the young man to his present position. One Monday morning a thunderclap came. The trusted cashier and £80,000 were missing. He had robbed the bank after office hours Saturday night and consequently had a long start. Not until it was known that he had taken a cab at the very door of the bank and driven to the depot, having a bulky satchel with him, would any of the bank officials doubt his honesty. Indeed, they defended him when he had been gone three days and even suggested that he was the victim of a plot.

However, the cashier was the only man who could have got at the money, and as it was missing and he could not be heard of the fact that he had betrayed his trust after twenty years of integrity was forced upon all. The police were set to work at once, and a large reward was offered to incite their zeal, and there was hope that the robber would be overhauled. When two weeks had passed, the reward was increased to £5,000, and at the end of four it was increased to £10,000, but Minturn seemed to have vanished off the face of the earth. The cabman had left him at the depot, but in what direction he traveled the closest inquiry could not ascertain. Scotland Yard had full charge of the case, assisted by numberless private detectives, but at the end of a month no one had turned up a clew. Then it was that a newspaper having a resume of the case fell into the hands of Martha Whitely, a kitchenmaid in a family in Ledbury. On the Saturday evening that the bank had been robbed she had been coming from a brief visit to her sister at Redditch and had traveled to Evesham Junction in a compartment with a man whose actions and speech had struck her queerly. He had addressed her in broken German, but he was unmistakably an Englishman. At her first sight of him she was sure he was clean shaved, but she was hardly seated when he appeared with side whiskers and seemed to be ten years older than before. She noticed that he held a newspaper to shield his face as much as possible and was evidently anxious not to be scanned too closely. He had with him a bulky satchel, and by the time the junction was reached he was asleep or feigning to be so.

Martha Whitely was a bright girl for one in her station, and when she left the train she had her mind made up that her fellow traveler was either a detective or a fugitive. She said nothing to any one, however, and the incident had slipped from her mind when the article in the paper recalled it. Then she believed the stranger to be none other than the defaulting cashier, and she stated her suspicions to a constable. The officer was supposed to be a thick headed man, but he proved his wit on this occasion. He reasoned that as the fugitive had not been heard of at any seaport or prominent inland town he must be in hiding in the country. He also figured that Minturn would not go far, for fear of being noticed. Starting in at Evesham Junction, he drove south with horse and buggy and kept his eyes and ears open. He pretended to be looking for a brother of his who had disappeared, and whenever he made inquiry he described Minturn as he ought to have looked without the whiskers. It took him just four days to do what fifty detectives had failed to do in a month. He found a farmer who scratched his head for awhile and then replied that the description fitted a London landowner named Clyde living only three miles away. That was the clew, and within four hours the cashier had been arrested at his farmhouse. He had gone straight there with the plunder, every dollar of which was recovered. To excuse his long stay he claimed to be out of health, but his intentions were to wait for yet another month and then quietly leave the country with the boodle. The reward was justly divided between the young woman and the constable. It was Minturn himself who confessed that he had worked for twenty long years with no other end but a great robbery in view, and that he should have come to grief through chance meeting with a kitchenmaid borders on the ridiculous and proves that luck runs in queer grooves. He was given a sentence of twenty years in prison and is now serving out the last of it, while he reaped absolutely nothing from the great sum he got temporary possession of.

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We had been "icing" for more than a week when we reached Cape Navarin, on the Siberian coast, a bleak, mountainous, dreary place. The next morning we saw another ship coming toward us, the dense black smoke from her try works showing she had recently caught a whale. In the afternoon we pushed on beyond the cape, and the lookout was cautioned to be extra vigilant. From his place in the crow's nest he scoured the sea with a long glass, and presently there came the welcome cry, "Blo-o-o-w off the ice bow!"

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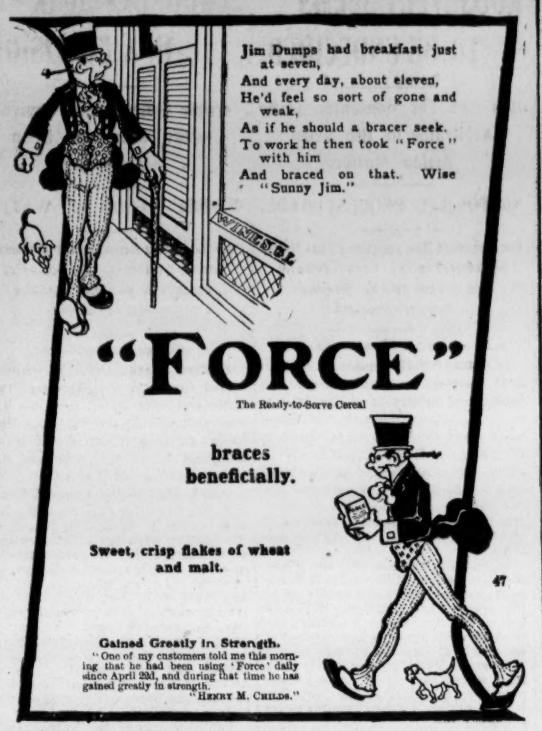
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On Dec. 23, 24, 25, 30, 31 and Jan. 1, the Atlantic Coast Line will sell tickets to all points in territory of the Southeastern Passenger Association at rate of a fare and a third for the round trip, limited Jan. 3. Upon presentation and surrender of certificates signed by superintendents, principals or presidents of schools or colleges tickets at this rate will be sold to teachers and students, Dec. 16 to 22, inclusive; limited Jan. 8th.

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Approved: Gen'l
H. M. EMERSON,
Traffic Manager.

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SUBURBAN LINE.

Winter Schedule, in Effect November 25th, 1902.

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At †7:00, 9:00, *10:00, 11:00 A. M. *12:00, 1:00, *2:00, 3:00, *4:00, 5:00, *6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00 P. M.

LEAVE WRIGHTSVILLE FOR WILMINGTON.

At †8:00, 10:00, *11:00 A. M. 12:00, *1:00, 2:00, *3:30, 4:30, *5:30, 6:00, *6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30 P. M.

LEAVE WRIGHTSVILLE FOR OCEAN VIEW.

At 9:30, *10:30, 11:30 A. M. *12:30, 1:30, *2:30 3:30, *4:30, 5:30 P. M.

LEAVE OCEAN VIEW.

At 9:45, *10:45, 11:45 A. M. *12:45, 2:15, *3:15, 4:15, 5:15, *5:45 P. M.

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Leave Tenth and Princess streets every day, every half hour from 4:00 P. M. to 5:30 P. M. Last car leaves Cemetery 5:35 P. M.

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Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad

Time Table No. 18.

To Take Effect Sunday, Oct. 21, 1900, at 12.01 A. M.

GOING EAST. 3 Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	Leave	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. 4 Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	3 40	Goldsboro	11 05	.....
.....	4 22	Kinston	10 13	.....
5 40	5 50	Newbern	8 57	9 05
7 03	7 07	Morehead City	7 38	7 47
P.M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.25 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 P. M. No. 1 trainealso connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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AIR LINE RAILWAY

Schedule in Effect Nov. 22

TRAIN 39 Leaves Wilmington at 1:23 P. M., arrives Lumberton 5:44 P. M., Pembroke 6:10 P. M., Maxton 6:40 P. M., Hamlet 7:25 P. M., Charlotte 10:22 P. M.

TRAIN 40 Leaves Charlotte 5:0 1A. M., Hamlet at 8:25 A. M., arrives Maxton 9:10 A. M., Pembroke 9:45 A. M., Lumberton 10 08 A. M., Wilmington 12.20 noon.

WESTBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Hamlet	9 45 p m	7.40 a m
Ar Monroe	11 2 a m	9.15 a m
Ar Charlotte	.....	10.33 a m
Ar Chester	12.51 a m	10.30 a m
Ar Greenwood	3.35 a m	12.37 p m
Ar Athens	2 52 a m	5 58 p m
Ar Atlanta	7 35 a m	4 00 p m

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SOUTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	9 45 p m	7.35 a m
Ar Columbia	1.15 a m	11.30 a m
Ar Savannah	2.35 a m	4.55 p m
Ar Jacksonville	7.00 a m	9.15 p m
Ar Tampa	6.45 p m	6.00 a m

NORTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	10.40 p m	7.50 a m
Ar Raleigh	1.30 a m	11.10 a m
Ar Norfina	3.32 a m	1.25 p m
Ar Portsmouth	7.15 a m	5.35 p m
Ar Norfolk		
Lv Hamlet	10.40 p m	8.40 a m 7.50 a m
Ar Raleigh	1.30 a m	11.45 a m 11.10 a m
Ar Norfina	3.32 a m	1.38 a m 1.25 p m
Ar Petersburg	5.53 a m	4.07 p m 4.47 p m
Ar Richmond	6.35 a m	4.55 p m 5.40 p m
Ar Washington	10.10 a m	8.30 p m
Ar Baltimore	11.25 a m	11.25 p m
Ar New York	4.15 p m	6.30 a m

Train 40 leaving Hamlet at 8.25 a. m. takes passengers from train 31, leaving New York at 12.35 p. m.; Baltimore at 5.45 p. m.; Washington 7.00 p. m.; Richmond 10.37 p. m.; Portsmouth 9.05 p. m.; Norfolk 8.30 p. m.; Raleigh 4.15 a. m. arriving at Hamlet at 7.00 a. m. From train 38, leaving Atlanta 1.00 p. m.; Athens 2.37 p. m.; Chester 4.15 a. m.; Charlotte 5.01 a. m.; Monroe 6.40 a. m.; arriving Hamlet 7.30 a. m.

From train 66 leaving Jacksonville 4.30 p. m. Savannah 12.10 p. m.; Columbia 2.55 a. m.; arriving Hamlet 8.20 a. m.

Through Pullman sleepers from Hamlet to all points North, South and Southwest.

For tickets, Pullman reservations, etc., apply to Thomas D. Meares, General Agent, Wilmington, N. C.

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ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Schedule In Effect Nov. 30, 1902.

NORTHBOUND.

	No. 48	No. 40
Lv Wilmington	9.30 a m	7.00 p m
Ar Goldsboro	12.21 p m	9 38 p m
Ar Wilson	1 18 p m	10 40 p m
Ar Rocky Mount	1 55 p m	11.32 p m
Ar Norfolk	5 55 p m	.....
Ar Weldon	4 53 p m	1.45 a m
Ar Petersburg	6.52 p m	3.25 a m
Ar Richmond	7.45 p m	4.07 a m
Ar Washington	11.40 p m	7.54 a m
Ar Baltimore	1.33 a m	9.10 a m
Ar Philadelphia	4.05 a m	11.25 a m
Ar New York	7.08 a m	1.59 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 141	No. 49
Lv New York	9.00 a m	9.30 p m
Ar Philadelphia	11.30 a m	12.10 a m
Ar Baltimore	1.44 p m	2.37 a m
Ar Washington	2.50 p m	3.45 a m
Ar Norfolk	.....	9.00 a m
Ar Richmond	6.56 p m	8.30 a m
Ar Petersburg	7.32 p m	9.13 a m
Ar Weldon	9.04 p m	11.22 a m
Ar Rocky Mount	10.07 P m	12.50 p m
Ar Wilson	10.48 p m	1.46 p m
Ar Goldsboro	7.16 a m	2.55 p m
Ar Wilmington	10.10 a m	5.45 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND.

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv Wilmington	6.00 a m	3.45 p m	7.00 p m
Ar Florence	9.25 a m	7.30 p m	9.55 a m‡
Ar Charleston	1.10 p m	11 15 p m	5.45 a m
Ar Savannah	6 35 p m	3.00 a m	7.55 a m
Ar Jacksonville	.....	9.00 a m	12.45 p m
Ar Tampa	.....	7.00 p m	10.00 p m

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily.
Lv Tampa	8.05 p m	9.50 a m
Ar Jacksonville	7.30 a m	7.00 p m
Ar Savannah	1.10 p m	1.15 a m
Ar Charleston	5.15 p m	6.25 a m
Ar Florence	8.00 p m	9 45 a m
Ar Wilmington	11.45 p m	1.40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD.

	West Bound Daily.	East Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	9.10 a m	Ar. 8.00 p m
Ar Fayetteville	12.23 p m	Ar. 5.00 p m
Ar Sanford	1 50 p m	Lv. 3.45 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN.

	North Bound Daily ex Sunday.	South Bound
Lv Wilmington	2.32 p m	Ar. 12.08 p m
Ar Newbern	5.40 p m	Lv. 9.03 a m

‡Via Wilson.

Trains Nos. 40 and 41 carry Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with Penna R. R. for all points east.

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The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

TUESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 23.

MANAGEMENT OF THE L. & N.

It Will Remain Separate and Distinct—Atlantic Coast Line's Policy.

A press dispatch from Baltimore to the New York *Sun* says:

It is understood that the Louisville & Nashville meeting yesterday discussed the policy of the new owners toward that property. The following statement, from an official source, gives an outline of this policy:

"The management of the Louisville & Nashville will be maintained separate and distinct from the Atlantic Coast Line. Its relations to the connecting lines will not be disturbed in the least.

"The aim will be to encourage the exchange of business with connecting lines, and there will be no discrimination in this respect. The traffic relations with the Atlantic Coast Line are not altered by the change of control. There have been preferential relations between these two properties in the joint management of the Georgia railroad.

"These are cemented by the transfer of control, but no discrimination where other traffic relations exist. There will be no attempt to divert business solely for the long haul. That has never been the policy of the Coast Line. Its longest haul is to Norfolk, but only business routed to that port will be taken there. The same is true of Wilmington, Charleston, Savannah and the Florida ports.

"To interfere with the natural trend of business would mean to antagonize the people in the States, the ports of which would suffer. All ports will, therefore, be continued on an equal footing so far as the Coast Line is concerned. This policy may not produce the biggest revenue, but the net profits of the business handled in this way are larger, as the experience of the Coast Line stockholders will show. Besides, the public attitude is more friendly when fairness all around is understood to be the policy.

BEST WISHES FOR MR. PARKER.

Prominent New Yorker Writes Interestingly of Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. N. F. Parker, the furniture man, received the following letter from a personal friend of his who is not only a manufacturer of high grade furniture, but has one of the finest retail stores in New York State; is also a banker, is largely interested in other enterprises in Syracuse, and is also a leading Odd Fellow:

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 19th 1902.
N. F. Parker, Wilmington, N. C.

DEAR SIR:—Accept my thanks for the compliment of sending me your pamphlet from the Chamber of Commerce.

I have looked it over with a great deal of interest and come to the conclusion that there are other places besides Syracuse, (but only a few of them.)

I hope you will never have to get into that splendid Court House, nor into the jail; that you may attend St. James church and get to Heaven by reading your prayers; that you may live in as good a house as Bellamy's and that you may never have to pick those strawberries for a living. If you do, come up here where the thermometer is about ten degrees below zero and where you can enjoy yourself without perspiring.

Hope you will have a happy Christmas and that you make a million next year and will give me half of it. I could use that amount in my business at the present time. My stenographer says, she would be satisfied if you would divide it into three equal parts.

Again thanking you and wishing you the compliments of the season, I remain yours, respectfully,

C. G. BROWN.

THE N. C. INLAND WATERWAY.

Engineer in Raleigh Examining Records, Grocery Company Chartered.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 22.—Assistant U. S. Engineer A. B. Nichols is here to-day from Norfolk, examining maps and records of the late State Surveyor J. H. McRee, gathering data to be used in preparing for Congress an estimate of the cost of the proposed inland waterway from Norfolk to Beaufort Inlet, the waterway to be 16 feet deep. This is the waterway that Congressman Small is urging Congress to provide for. Engineer Nichols says the report showing the estimated cost will be ready by February 1st.

The Secretary of State to-day chartered the Newbern Grocery Co., of Newbern, with $20,000 capital paid in. The incorporators are Edward R. Bishop, Rudolph Ulrich and Mrs. Ulrich.

Mr. T. H. Hudson, chief clerk to the State Auditor, returned to-day from Morehead City, where he and Oyster Commissioner W. M. Webb killed 116 wild ducks in two days, the best record made this season.

MADAME ELRADO'S PLAN.

Will Return From Her Profession and Establish an Orphanage.

A correspondent of the Raleigh *News and Observer* at Goldsboro writes as follows of Madame Elrado, the palmist of this city:

"Madame Elrado, the palmist, widely known in this State, will soon retire from her profession and establish an orphanage at her home in Durham, N. C. She says her object is to provide in an humble way a comfortable home for a limited number of poor parentless little ones. On her property she will undertake the cultivation of fruits and vegetables and from the receipts from these crops she hopes to be aided in her undertaking. The Madame is a widow and has one child, a boy in his teens, whom she has comfortably provided for and who is doing well in New York."

A Frightened Horse,

Running like mad down the street, dumping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behooves everybody to have a reliable Salve handy, and there is none as good as Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Burns, Cuts, Sores, Eczema and Piles disappear quickly under its soothing effect. 25 cents, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

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THE RIGHT TO TAX INCOMES.

War On Between Corporation Commission and Supreme Court—May Go Higher.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 22.—A conflict between the Supreme Court and Corporation Commission is on. Chairman Franklin McNeill, of the Corporation Commission, issued a statement to-day criticising the Supreme Court for their action in adopting the opinion of the Attorney General and decreeing that their salaries and those of Superior Court judges are not liable to income tax. Chairman McNeill characterizes the proceeding as illegal and says, "The liability of these gentlemen to income tax or any other tax must be passed on by other officers." The maxim, "No one can be a judge in his own cause," is quoted. The following significant paragraph concludes the statement:

"Our conclusions may be wrong, but they must stand until overruled in a legal way. We are glad to say these gentlemen (the judges) can, in a short time, have their rights passed upon by disinterested judges and that we will be corrected if wrong."

Asked what course would be pursued, Chairman McNeill said all the county officers have instructions to proceed with the collection of the income tax from all, including judicial officers, and that will be done until some test case is properly disposed of. He says the unsolicited decree of the Supreme Court in its own behalf cannot be effective.

Some expect the matter to go to the Supreme Court of the United States in a test case; others think that the Legislature will be asked to settle it. However, the question really at issue is the right of the Legislature to impose an income tax on salaries of judicial officers under the constitutional provision that the departments are co-ordinate and the Legislature shall not diminish salaries during the terms of office. Chairman McNeill says if the State officers don't pay the income tax it will be almost impossible to enforce it as to private citizens.

SHOOTING NEAR GOLDSBORO.

Negro Perhaps Fatally Wounded—White Man Shot Near Fremont.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

GOLDSBORO, N. C., Dec. 22.—Mr. Ad. Pike, son of Silas Pike, a prominent farmer, residing a mile distant from Pikeville, shot a negro this morning. While meagre, the particulars are about as follows: The negro, who is dumb, owing to a gun-shot in the neck, received while a soldier in the Spanish-American war, went to the home of Mr. Pike about 5 o'clock this morning and knocked. Being denied admittance and not being able to make his wants known, it appeared to Mr. Pike that the negro would force an entrance, whereupon Mr. Pike snatched a gun standing near and placing the weapon against the negro's breast, fired, the load, including the wad, tearing an ugly hole into the man. It is not thought the negro can live.

On Saturday evening a negro accidentally shot Mr. Perry Barnes at his home near Fremont. The ball entered the right side between the ribs, passing through the body and finding lodgment in the left side. A nephew of Mr. Barnes visiting the city, gave this information, but was unable to say whether the wound was regarded fatal.

MAJOR EUGENE HARRELL DEAD.

Passed Away in London Yesterday—Railroad From Raleigh to Tidewater.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 22.—A cablegram is received from London, announcing the death of Major Eugene G. Harrell, for many years prominent as secretary of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly, and promoter of numerous enterprises. He did military service in the Spanish-American war and afterwards went to the Philippines, where he was last heard from.

Notice is given to-day that the incoming Legislature will be asked to incorporate the Raleigh and Eastern Railway Co., to construct a road from Raleigh to tidewater; probably at Washington, Beaufort county.

Funeral of John Baker, Jr.

The funeral of the late John Baker, Jr., who died in Montgomery, Ala., last Friday morning, was conducted Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the residence of the deceased's father, Mr. John Baker, 710 Dock street, thence to St. Paul's Lutheran church and later to Oakdale cemetery where the interment was made. The services were conducted by Rev. Dr. A. G. Voigt and were very largely attended. The floral tributes were many and beautiful. The pall-bearers were: Honorary. Messrs. John Haar and Jos. H. Hanby; active, Messrs. C. W. Polvogt, Jno. H. Rehder, Henry Otten, Charlie Hall, Eduard Ahrens and Wm. Bates.

Will Marry This Morning.

Accompanied by his best man, Mr. Clarence D. Maffitt, and Mrs. Murdoch McKinnon and Col. F. W. Kerchner, Mr. Peter McQueen, Jr., a popular young wholesale grocer of Wilmington, left yesterday morning for Mount Olive, N. C., where this morning at 10:30 o'clock he will lead to the altar in marriage Miss Katharine Tatum, a charming young daughter of Dr. and Mrs. McI. Tatum, of Mount Olive. The ceremony will be performed in the Methodist church.

Holiday Hours at Postoffice.

On Christmas day the stamp and general delivery window at the postoffice will be open from 9 to 10 A. M. The carriers will make the early morning delivery and collection. At the present and during the holiday season, stamps will be sold at both windows.

A Supply of Gas Coal.

Through the courtesy of the Atlantic Coast Line and its enjoyment of a very valuable connection with the Louisville and Nashville, the local gas plant has received a good supply of gas coal in which there has been a shortage for 30 days or more.

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ROOSEVELT SEEMS TO BE UNDECIDED.

Has Not Yet Consented to be Arbitrator in the Venezuelan Matter.

NO FORMAL REQUEST MADE.

The President Has Suggested That Matter be Referred to The Hague Tribunal and to This Also No Response Has Been Received.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 23.—President Roosevelt has not accepted the position of arbitrator of the controversy in which the republic of Venezuela is involved with Great Britain, Germany and Italy. In fact, when the official day closed, he had not received, formally or officially, a request from the European powers that he act as arbitrator of the dispute. These statements are made on the highest authority.

In an informal manner, the President has been notified that the European powers intimately concerned in the present South American difficulty desire that he should undertake the responsibility of acting as arbitrator of the points at issue between them and Venezuela. Thus far, they merely have been taking 'soundings,' with a view, probably, of ascertaining how he would receive a formal proffer to act as arbitrator.

Roosevelt Suggests The Hague.

It can be said that in response to the suggestions he has received, the President from the first intimation he had that he was desired as arbitrator of the Venezuelan controversy has expressed his judgment that the matters to be arbitrated should be referred to The Hague tribunal. His view of the suggestions made has been conveyed to the European powers, together with a strong presentation of his reasons for the view he holds. To this latest phase of the Venezuelan question no response of a formal nature has been received.

The President and Secretary Hay had a long conference to day after the former's return from his Virginia trip They went over carefully the situation as it had developed since Saturday, but it is understood that nothing has arisen during the past forty eight hours to warrant the President in changing his opinion as to the undesirability of his acceptance of the position of arbitrator.

The acceptance by the powers of the principle of arbitration as applied to the Venezuelan question is a matter of great gratification to the President and his cabinet. That all the powers have intimated, too, that they would prefer that the President should arbitrate the present dispute than that it should be referred to The Hague tribunal is taken as a notable compliment to the President personally and to his administration. It is the hope of both the President and his advisers, however, that while there is precedent for his acceptance of the post of arbitrator the powers will consent to a reference of the controverted matters in the Venezuelan question to the tribunal at The Hague.

He May Accept.

The United States government is awaiting the reception of formal answers from the allied governments to to the President's last suggestion that the Venezuelan dispute be referred to The Hague. So far these responses have not come to hand, but it is pretty well understood that they will hold out for the arbitration of President Roosevelt himself. Signs point to the President's ultimate acceptance of the trust, though nothing positive is yet known on this point. The State Department has learned that President Castro would welcome the selection of President Roosevelt as arbitrator, and as all the parties interested are united, the pressure will be hard to resist. Opinion varies as to the termination of the blockade of the Venezuelan ports. In some quarters it is assumed that if President Roosevelt accepts the duty of arbitration, the allies will call off the blockade at once. On the other hand, it is pointed out that custom requires the terms of the arbitration to be pretty accurately defined and this will consume some time pending which the blockade will continue.

It is quite evident from the developments here that Germany is the originator and promoter of the suggestion that President Roosevelt act as arbitrator. Great Britain and Italy, it is believed, incline toward arbitration by The Hague tribunal but of course they would not indicate any preference officially in the matter if President Roosevelt gave the faintest intimation of accepting the charge. Indeed, officially, the allies stand on record as supporting the German lead in this matter.

Emperor's Personal Suggestion.

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—The blockade of the Venezuelan coast will continue until a definite arrangement for arbitration has been reached. Germany will be well satisfied if President Roosevelt undertakes the task. His acceptance would be considered a sufficient guarantee that Venezuela would pay if she lost. Asking President Roosevelt to arbitrate was the Emperor's personal suggestion. An indirect inquiry three or four days ago not eliciting a refusal from the President, a request has now been made in direct form. Although Germany is ready to submit her case to any impartial tribunal she would prefer President Roosevelt for the reason that President Castro is more likely to accept the decision of the President of the United States than that of The Hague tribunal. If President Castro evades payment under President Roosevelt's award, the people of the United States, it is claimed here, would with positive pleasure see the allies compel him to pay up.

The United States is considered here as emerging from the affair with all credit. The Monroe Doctrine has been acknowledged by two of the greatest powers of Europe, President Roosevelt has been accepted as arbitrator by all the parties concerned, and the South American States have been persuaded by events that the United States is the only power between them and Europe. The only annoying thing to the German government has been the alleged readiness of Americans to suspect Germany of secret designs. The reported extraordinary distrust of Germany has been a painful surprise to the Emperor and to the cabinet.

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Terrible Sufferings of Survivors, Adrift Three Days in an Open Boat.

WITHOUT FOOD OR WATER.

Four Died From Exposure and One Insane Jumped Overboard—Encased in Ice. Rescued by a Fishing Boat and Landed in Boston.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BOSTON, MASS., Dec. 22.—Almost crazed from their sufferings, frostbitten and helpless, ten men in a boat were picked up by the schooner Manhassett yesterday, forty-five miles off Highland Light. Then for the first time it was learned that the schooners Frank A. Palmer and Louise B. Crary had been in collision and that they had been sunk of Thatcher's island, on Wednesday evening. The survivors were landed to-day. Of the twenty-one men that made up the two crews, six were carried down when the two vessels sank, four died during the terrible three days' drift in Massachusetts bay, and another became insane and jumped overboard. With no food or water, their clothes frozen in solid masses, and their boat being steadily driven before a bitter gale out into the Atlantic, it seems remarkable that so many survived.

The two schooners, both heavily laden with coal, doubled Cape Cod in company and ran into a strong northwester on Wednesday night. Both captains put their vessels over towards the Cape Ann shore. When off Thatcher Island they split tacks and finally both came about at the same time and unknown to themselves headed toward each other, the Crary holding north on the port tack and the Palmer south on the starboard tack, and therefore having the right of way.

The survivors to-day were inclined to lay the blame of the accident on Mate Smith, of the Crary, who had charge of the deck at the time and went down with the ship. They are of the opinion that he thought he could weather the Palmer. The cut was deep and it was seen instantly that there was no hope for either vessel. Most of the small boats were smashed and some men killed by the collision, but others of both crews by quick work launched the long boat of the Palmer, into which clambered the captains of both vessels and thirteen others. There was not a moment for storing food or water in the boat and the rowers had propelled it only a short distance from the schooners when the Palmer went down. Three minutes later the Crary disappeared.

Without food and water, drenched to the skin, spray freezing to their garments because of the bitter cold, the fifteen survivors underwent sufferings indescribable. Four men of the Crary on Friday lay down in the bow of the boat and that night they died. Eleven remained up till Saturday night, when Frank Banta went insane and under the delusion that his mother beckoned to him he walked into the sea. The others were powerless to restrain him.

Shortly after this, the two captains decided that the bodies of the four dead men should be consigned to the deep and bending over them, Captain Pitter, of the Crary, repeated as much of the burial service as he could remember. Then the strongest of the survivors put the bodies overboard.

In the three days and a half that the men were afloat, their boat drifted steadily off shore until at 3 o'clock Sunday morning it was forty-five miles off Highland Light. There the lookout on the fishing schooner Manhassett caught a glimpse of the boat and within half an hour the ten men were in the cabin of the schooner.

Captain Malone at once crowded on all sails and brought his survivors into Boston.

The Manhassett came into the harbor early this morning showing signals for assistance and by the time she arrived at a wharf ambulances were ready to transfer the sailors to the hospital. Only six of them could be removed, however. The other four were in such a critical condition that it was deemed impossible that they could survive being taken from the vessel.

During the day the sailors at the relief hospital improved steadily. They described their experience as a most terrible one. The death of Banta, a Finlander, is recalled as most pathetic. In his delirium, he saw home and a Christmas tree and his mother beckoning him to come to her over the water. He stepped over the side of the boat in response to the fancied summons to walk on the water and was swallowed up.

The Louisa B. Crary was a comparatively new vessel. She was built by the New England Shipbuilding Company at Bath, Me., in 1900, and was one of the finest five-masters on the coast. Her cargo consisted of 3,702 tons of bituminous coal consigned to this port. The vessel was only partially insured, but her cargo of coal was fully covered.

The Frank A. Palmer was the largest four-masted schooner ever constructed. She was built at Bath, Me., in 1897, and was sold to J. S. Winslow & Co., of Portland, Me. She sailed from Newport News on December 4th, with 4,700 tons of coal for Boston.

JANUARY COTTON.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Having from early in the season advised the purchase of cotton for January delivery in New York, and still believing that the stock of cotton now here is worth much more than the present prices of January contracts, and entirely disproportionate to the existing short interest, I take this means of suggesting to those who hold January contracts that they will consult their own best interests by arranging to take up and pay for their cotton. I would further inform those who have not yet made such arrangements that I have advised all members of the New York Cotton Exchange that I shall on Monday next, and thereafter until further notice, be pleased to "Loan places," on any notices for the delivery of January cotton contracts thus rendering it unnecessary that any holder of contracts for the delivery of cotton in January should be summarily sold out upon notice to the advantage of those who may be short. It has not infrequently happened in the past that a tender of a few thousand bales of cotton has been used to compel the liquidation of a far larger quantity of contracts. It is my purpose that in the present instance no such inequitable proceedure shall obtain. I shall be pleased to have any holders of contracts for January delivery of cotton communicate with me in confidence in their own interest, either by mail or wire.

THEODORE H. PRICE,
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Rheumacide

Thoroughly eradicates the excess of Uric and Lactic Acids from the system, starts the kidneys into healthy action, cures constipation and indigestion.

THIS DONE, YOU ARE WELL OF

RHEUMATISM,

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Do not be discouraged if other remedies have failed. RHEUMACIDE has made its reputation by curing alleged incurable cases. Does not injure the organs of digestion.

GOLDSBORO, N. C., Aug. 25, 1902.

Gentlemen—Some six years ago I began to have sciatica, and also a chronic case of muscular rheumatism. At times I could not work at all (my business being baggage master on Southern R. R.). For days and weeks at a time I could not work. My suffering was intense. Physicians treated me, without permanent relief, however. Tried a number of advertised remedies without permanent benefit. Finally I tried "RHEUMACIDE." It did the work, and I have had excellent health for three years. I can cheerfully say that all rheumatics should use "RHEUMACIDE," for it is by far the best remedy.

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Price $1.00 prepaid express, or from your Druggist.

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BUSINESS LOCALS.

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Maine Christmas trees, Galix Leaves, Holly and Mistletoe, and a large assortment of Palms, Ferns and other plants for Christmas gifts; also Roses, Carnations, Violets and Lilies of the Valley, at Mrs. H. Rehder's. dec 21 1t

Grocery Business for Sale—Because unsuited to my taste, I will sell at cost a clean stock of Groceries and transfer lease on one of the best corners in city. Grocer, care STAR. dec 23 tf

Gas Heaters and Radiators—No kindling; no ashes A match—and it is done! Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Co. dec 23 1t

Wanted—Position by young man; married; good solicitor; good collector; good salesman; experienced in grocery business. Have tact and ambition Have knowledge of book-keeping. Could fill clerical railway position. Reference furnished. Address "Try Me," care the Daily STAR. dec 23 3t

Lost — Scotch Collie, answering to name "Ray;" no collar; black on back; yellow on breast. Return to southeast corner Front and Chesnut streets. dec 23 1t

Wanted—Two (2) good reliable men to sell Teas, Coffees, Spices, etc., in Wilmington and vicinity. Apply to W. L. Bissinger, No. 101 N. 6th St., Wilmington, N. C., or address Grand Union Tea Company, No. 3019 Washington Ave., Newport News, Va. dec 28 3t

Wanted—A Farm on the seacoast containing from 50 to 500 acres. Address J. E. L., care STAR dec 21 3t

Notice—The tug-boat LaChiquita having been sold by J. L. Russ to Peter Simpson, all persons having claims against said boat will present them to me within thirty days from the date of this notice. This the 18th day of December, 1902. Robert G. Grady. dec 19 30t

Wanted—A trustworthy gentleman or lady in each county to manage business for an old established house of solid financial standing. A straight, bona fide weekly salary of $18.00 paid by check each Wednesday with all expenses direct from headquarters. Money advanced for expenses. Manager, 350 Caxton Bldg, Chicago. dec 2 1m

Call at Winstead's for all kinds of foreign and domestic fruit; Bananas a specialty No. 213 Market and 915 North Front street. Bell Phones 203 and 637. oct 19 tf

Sewing Machines, Typewriters, Organs and Furniture repaired, cleaned and revarnished; Upholstering done also. H. J. Gruman's headquarters for Wall Paper. J. S. Farrar, No. 8½ North Second street. my 16 tf

What For Christmas?

That old puzzling question is up again. Read the answer in my window.

Fresh shipment Wileys' Chocolates and Bon Bons; none nicer.

HARDIN'S

Palace Pharmacy,

126 South Front Street.

dec 23 tf Call both 'Phones 55.

"There is a Best In Everything! In Paint It's Davis'."

Guaranteed 100 Per Cent. Pure,

This is putting it mighty strong, but it is nevertheless true.

Be Wise in Your Economy.

Don't be deceived by the argument that it costs less to paint your building with inferior or adulterated paint, because the paint costs less per gallon. Sold and guaranteed by

The Coal, Cement and Supply Co.,

Sole Distributors,

dec 19 tf Wilmington, N. C.

Call and Examine Our

FINE LOT OF

Christmas Goods.

Royal Cluster Raisins.
Finest Seeded Raisins and Currants.
Freshest Nuts of all kinds, shelled and in the shell.

Roquefort, Edam and Pineapple Cheese,

and almost every other article in our line for the Holidays.

WILMINGTON GROCERY CO.,

JNO. L. BOATWRIGHT, Manager.
Both 'Phones No. 14. dec 16

In Stock and for Sale at Lowest Possible Prices

100 Dozen Mullet Roe

COCOANUTS, MIXED NUTS,
RAISINS,
CALIFORNIA DRIED PEACHES,
DRIED APPLES,
CANDIES, COFFEES and MOLASSES.

And complete line of Groceries. Write for prices.

SAM'L BEAR, SR., & SONS,

Wilmington, N. C.,
nvo 13 c 13 Market street.

Tobacco Fertilizers.

1,186 Bags 8 4-4 Guano.
1,293 Bags 8-3-3 Guano.
1,411 Bags 8 2 2 Guano.
1,841 Bags Pure Kainit.
1,484 Bags 13 per cent. Acid.
1,001 Bags 14 per cent. Acid.
1,897 Bags C. S. Meal.

Best prices, Cash or Time.

W. B. COOPER,

Wholesale Grocer,

dec 23 tf Wilmington, N. C.

REPORT

OF THE CONDITION OF THE ATLANTIC National Bank of Wilmington, N. C., at the close of business, November 25, 1902.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts		$1,102,406 63
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured		940 32
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		95,100 00
U. S. Bonds to secure U. S. Deposits		173,800 00
Stocks, securities, etc.		18,069 63
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures		20,000 00
Other Real Estate owned		10,000 00
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents)		91,651 63
Due from State Banks and Bankers		118,206 29
Due from approved reserve agents		106,304 86
Notes of other National Banks	$10,000 00	
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	1,854 16	
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz: Specie	$34 545 00	
Legal tender notes	101,200 00 —	147,599 16
Redemption fund with U. S. Treas'r (5 per cent. of circulation)		4,700 00
Total		$1,945,078 52

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in		$ 125,000 00
Surplus fund	$125,000 00	
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	25,737 68 —	150,737 68
National Bank notes outstanding		95,100 00
Due to other National Banks	271,833 09	
Due to State Banks and Bankers	997,541 70	
Dividends unpaid	192 00	
Individual deposits subject to check	801,030 99	
Certified checks	4,896 30	
Cashier's checks outstanding	44,887 56	
United States deposits	173,800 00	1,564,221 44
Total		$1,945,078 52

State of North Carolina, county of New Hanover, ss.:

I, Andrew Moreland, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ANDREW MORELAND, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 93d. day of November, 1902.

W. C. ARMSTRONG, Notary Public.

CORRECT—Attest:
C. W. YATES,
R. A. PARSLEY,
GEO. R. FRENCH,
} Directors.

nov 27 tf

"El Capitan."

High quality 10c Cigar.

"CUBAN BLOSSOM."

No better 5c Cigar.

We guarantee the sale of these goods, so if not sold we take them back. We accept the risk, you get the gain. You are safe on a trade of that kind. If the goods did not have both quality and merit we would not talk so loud. Try them for

XMAS PRESENTS.

VOLLERS & HASHAGEN,

Wholesale Distributors.

dec 21 tf

Shoes! Shoes! Shoes!

Shoes for the old Folks,
Shoes for the young Folks;
Shoes for the big Folks,
Shoes for the little Folks;
Shoes for the ugly Folks,
Shoes for the pretty Folks;
All kinds of Shoes for all kinds of Folks.

Our specialties, you know, are

Douglas Shoes and Duttenhofer Shoes.

Large lots of these just received and more are coming, besides large order for later shipment.

As we sell only for cash, and keep no books, we can and do sell Shoes cheaper than others who do keep books.

Try us and save money.

Respectfully,

Mercer & Evans Co.,

Same Old Place.

dec 20 tf

Just Received.

New lot Library Lamps. A beautful lot of Pictures; Enamel Beds from $3.75 up. Nice Line Rockers, Trunks and Stoves. New lot Felt Mattresses. Come and see us and get our prices. We guarantee to undersell any firm in the city.

GASTON D. PHARES & CO.

Inter-State 'Phone 75. 115-119 Market street.
Sep 14 tf

Storage of Peanuts.

To any one wishing to store Peanuts, will say, we are amply prepared to store them at a reasonable cost, and we will make liberal cash advances on peanuts stored with us.

D. L. CORE CO.,

Wholesale Grocers,

118 to 126 North Water street,

dec 20 tf Wilmington, N. C.

It is for you to say

If you know what first class goods are, as to quality and style. After seeing my line call and judge for yourself.

J. T. BURKE,

THE JEWELER,

27 South Front St.

dec 13 tf

For the Christmas Holidays

AND PRESENTS FOR OLD SANTA CLAUS.

Wilmington's Big Racket Store

Can offer you the best selection and the greatest variety of any Store in the State.

In buying your toys we would ask you to compare our prices with other's prices. In dolls, we have the handsomest line we have ever had. Nice jointed dolls, 14 inches long, at 25c each; 15-inch kid dolls at 25c each; kid dolls with hair at 12c each. Very handsome handwork dolls, with natural hair and sewed wigs, jointed, at $1.00, $1.70 and $2.00. With long flowing curly hair and movable eyes, as pretty as a dream, at $2.75 and $3.50 each. For the boys, air rifles, foot balls, games, express wagons, drums and plenty of fireworks of all kinds.

And the best thing of all, we have a big stock of Boys' Clothing that we bought at 25 per cent. less than value. An all wool suit, nicely made up, as low as $2.00 and up to $5.00; 500 suits to select from. In Boys' Pants, we have the best stock we have ever had, made from mill ends of American Woollen Company's cloths, every pair made with tape seams throughout and warranted not to rip. We sell them for 50c a pair. A nice line of Boys' White Laundried Waists at 50c; heavy Cheviot Waists at 25c each.

Ladies' ready-to-wear Hats—We are having a regular Hat sale; a very large line that we are selling at less than manufacturer's cost. Nice pretty hats at 48c; regular $1.50 hats for 75c and 89c; our $1 hats are $2 values. In this line we consider we are selling them at half-price.

Received to-day, a big line of birds and parrots—good black parrots 50c each; large birds are 69c and 98c each. In veilings we have lots of different styles; chiffon veilings with dots at 25c per yard, in all colors, pretty silk veiling for 10c per yard

In ladies' Cloaks we have had a phenomenal success this season; we have carried the stock of the town. Just received, 24 new cloaks to-day. Our prices are what counts—when a customer gives us an opportunity to show our goods and make a price we never fail to make a sale.

We have good beaver coats in red, blue, tan and black, at $2.98. A line of black beaver coats in the newest shapes at $3.50; better coats at $5, $6 and up to $10 each.

In furs we are showing a nice assortment and selling them at the lowest prices. If you are thinking of buying a fur, come to see us—the prices run from $1 to $5 each.

Trunks and Valises—These make valuable presents. We have a nice line of very fine Trunks that would be a credit to give your friends. We have a line of the best roller tray Trunks, worth $9 to $15 each. Splendid canvas Trunks, with brass locks and heavy straps, at $3 and up to $5 each. Nice heavy leather Suit Cases for $6.95, regular $10 cases. Club Bags, all leather, from 85c to $4 each; imitation leather, from 25c to 98c; imitation leather Suit Cases for $1.50 each.

In our Men's Clothing Department our sales have been the best we have ever known. In this department we credit our great success to the style, quality and fit of our goods and the last and best feature is, we undersell our competitors. We can fit you in a suit anywhere from $1.98 to $12 50; we would like for you to look at them before you buy elsewhere. Men's Overcoats, we have all grades and kinds, all prices, from $3 to $12 50 each. We also have a line of Rubber Clothing; men's water-proof coats, rubber lined, at $1.50 each; Mackintoshes, with cape, at $1.89 each; Ladies' Gossamers at $2.50 and $3.50 each; a workingman's coat for rainy weather at $1.50 each; a doctor's or sea captain's coat, absolutely water proof, for $5.

We want to impress on your mind that while we handle a big line of toys and holiday goods we also handle a big line of other goods for every purpose and we punch cards and give you presents free. Come and see us.

GEO. O. GAYLORD, PROPRIETOR.

Wilmington's Big Racket Store,

dec 14 tf

On a Cold Morning

YOU NEED A FIRE TO DRESS BY.
FOR CONVENIENCE AND COMFORT
HAVE A

Gas Heater

Placed in your bed-room

Prices From $1.50 Up.

NO KINDLING.
NO ASHES.
A MATCH—AND IT IS DONE

Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Co.

dec 21 3t

Cut Prices.

All Pattern Hats at Cost.

$25.00	Hats	at	$15 00.
16 00	"	"	10 00.
8.50	"	"	5.00.

Walking and ready to wear Hats that were $1.50, $1.75, $2.50 and $3.00, all at 98 cents.

Three hundred Reffer Jackets from 75c to $1.25. Sizes 6 to 14 years.

Men's large Initial Handkerchiefs 10 cents.
Men's all Silk Handkerchiefs 2 for 25 cents.
Men's all Silk Initial Handkerchiefs 25 and 50 cents.
Ladies' Embroidered Handkerchiefs 5, 10 and 25 cents.
Large all Silk Mufflers 50 cents to $1.50.
Men's all Linen Handkerchiefs 25 to 50 cents.

We have a few Monte Carlo Coats in Tan, Ecru and Brown at $7.60 to $13.50. A big line of all colors in Coats at $2.50, $3.50, $6.00 to $12.50.

A full line of Skirts and Suits at surprisingly low prices.

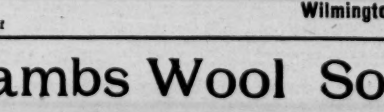
If you wish to make crazy Quilts come and buy a 25c bag of Silk Scraps, it will make a quilt.

The Paris Millinery Emporium,

129 Market Street, Next Door to Bonitz House, Wilmington, N. C.

nov 25 tf

Lambs Wool Soles



For Crochet Slippers.

MAIL ORDERS PROMPTLY FILLED.

Solomon's Shoe Store.

dec 14 tf

FOR RENT,

THAT VERY DESIRABLE residence now occupied by Dr. Burbank, No. 207 South Third street; ten rooms. Apply to

D. O'CONNOR,
Real Estate Agent.

dec 18 tf

Lands Posted.

The privilege of hunting on my lands near Wilmington having been leased, all persons are hereby warned against shooting, hunting, ranging or otherwise trespassing on said lands.

nov 26 tf S. W. NOBLE